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BULLETIN

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Council acts on Glen Waverley tree poisoning

Message from Acting Mayor, Cr Brian Little



It is my pleasure to be Acting Mayor while Cr Klisaris is having some well-deserved time off.

I recently spoke with ABC Melbourne about a tree that was poisoned on private property in Glen Waverley. The resident was prosecuted and fined \$9000.

Our tree canopy matters. Trees cool our neighbourhoods, clean our air, make our streets walkable and protect our cherished garden character. We know how important Monash's trees are to our community and we will always take action to protect them.

The poisoned tree was within a Vegetation Protection Overlay, which exists to preserve existing vegetation and encourage regeneration of native plants and trees.

We are acting, but we rely on our community to report

suspected illegal tree removals. Since 2019 we have seen a significant increase in these reports and over the past 12 months our team has received more than 40 complaints, with nearly 20 open cases for investigation and two more due to progress to court soon.

Protecting our tree canopy is a joint effort. If you believe that a tree has been removed illegally, please report it so that we can investigate it. You can read about our successful case, how our Vegetation Protection Overlay works and how to report concerns about tree removals at monash.vic.gov.au/tree-poisoning

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any local matters: brian.little@monash.vic.gov.au or [0407 878 033](tel:0407878033).

Get involved in our festivals and events

Stallholders, food vendors, performers, artists and community groups are invited to register their interest to be part of our upcoming program of community events, programs and workshops.

Council's festivals and events program is an important part of community life, showcasing the local talents and cultures of our vibrant Monash community.

Register an expression of interest at monash.vic.gov.au/stallholders-performers



Our fight to save crucial sleep program

Council was stunned by the Victorian Government's decision to withdraw more than \$100,000 in funding from our sleep and settling program for parents with young children.

Our sleep and settling program features dedicated sleep rooms as well as group sessions in both English and Mandarin. Maternal and child health staff

look at the day in the life of a child and talk to parents about sleep strategies, feeding and family dynamics that may be impacting sleep patterns.

The funding cut means that families may miss out on early intervention, increasing demand for more intensive services and leading to longer waiting lists - with 800 families

seeking advice from our service in the past financial year.

We don't want to reduce this crucial program for our community and will keep advocating to the Victorian Government to restore funding.

Visit monash.vic.gov.au/sleep-advocacy to find out the latest.

Rewilding with endangered tree species



When the Glenvale Tennis Club relocated in 2024, our bushland team set about recreating a forest at the site using a process known as 'rewilding'.

The new area of bushland will provide crucial habitat for local wildlife and, most importantly, replanting at the site will support the critically

endangered Yarra Gum or *Eucalyptus yarraensis*.

Much of the species' natural habitat in other locations near Melbourne has been lost to urbanisation and land clearing for agriculture.

After propagating seeds from Yarra Gums growing in the immediate area, the team was able to plant 41 trees at the site.

We will be working for several years to revegetate the former tennis club site and ensure its ongoing survival. Another batch of seeds is currently growing in the Council's nursery, ready for planting next year.

monash.vic.gov.au/rewilding-glendale

Monash at a glance

► SRL update

The Victorian Government's process to develop structure plans and planning controls for precincts around their future Suburban Rail Loop stations continues. Council will continue to advocate for the best outcomes for the Monash community. Find out more:

🌐 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/srl

► Purple helps

This year's Wear It Purple Day theme, 'Bold Voices, Bright Futures', empowers LGBTIQ+ young people to dream big for their future. Show your support by wearing purple on 29 August, attending our libraries' Rainbow Families Storytime or an Active Monash purple-themed group fitness class.

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/LGBTIQA

► Paying rates

For ratepayers who wish to pay their 2025/26 rates in four instalments, we remind you that the due date for payment of the first instalment is Tuesday 30 September 2025. Annual rates notices were issued on 11 July 2025. If you haven't received a notice, please contact Council on ☎ 9518 3555.

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/Rates

► Email sign-up

Get the latest Council news, consultations and events straight to your inbox. Sign up at:

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/subscribe



Discovering Monash's nature during Biodiversity Month

Help celebrate Biodiversity Month this September by taking part in a host of FREE workshops and events designed to inspire and grow our connection to nature, and the exploration of our local bushlands and wetlands.

Take part in a guided walk, learn sustainable gardening tips, listen to a talk from a local wildlife expert, or join a

hands-on and family-friendly workshop.

With something for everyone, Biodiversity Month is about getting out to enjoy our natural environment - whether it's the plants in our gardens; or the birds, frogs and trees in our bushlands.

Learn more and register for an event: 🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/backyard-to-bush

Gambling harm prevention trial in Monash

We welcome the Victorian Government's trial of measures to reduce gambling harm from pokies, which took \$121.4m from our community in the 2023-24 financial year.

Monash is one of three areas where mandatory account-based gambling will be trialled from September to November, providing people with greater control of how much they lose on pokies. Gamblers using pokies in

Monash will have to set up an account, allowing them to set time-based limits. For example, they may set a \$50 daily limit and if this is reached - they will be locked out.

We look forward to working with the Victorian Government to evaluate this trial and implement longer term solutions.

More information: 🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/pokies-trial

Reserve redevelopment set for opening

We're putting the finishing touches on a two-storey sports pavilion, delivered as part of the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan.

The outstanding new facility will better accommodate the needs of existing users, including the Waverley Blues Football/Netball Club and Mount Waverley Cricket Club.

The pavilion completion follows the redevelopment of the sports oval, including an upgrade of the lighting and construction of a perimeter pathway, while a redeveloped playspace has been completed and opened to the community. A new public toilet facility has also been finished.

New cricket nets have been completed, including six turf

and five synthetic wickets, as has a storage shed.

The project budget includes a \$7m commitment from the Australian Government, \$2m from the Victorian Government, \$2.2m from Council and \$100,000 each from the tenant clubs, AFL and Cricket Victoria.

monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-reserve

Seniors Festival

Monash Seniors Festival is back in October with a packed program of free and low-cost events for older adults.

It all kicks off on 1 October with a Mayoral afternoon tea and celebration of Poetic Portraits, our intergenerational exhibition of poems and portraits by residents.

Monash Seniors Festival is part of the Victorian Seniors Festival that runs 1-31 October every year.

Explore the Seniors Festival program in the spring edition of our quarterly Positive Ageing Lifestyle program magazine. Learn more at monash.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival or [9518 3555](tel:95183555)



Brandon Park pavilion works are underway

Works are kicking off on a new \$4.6m pavilion at Brandon Park Reserve, which will support the growing capacity of local sports clubs and make better use of the reserve's space for all visitors.

Supported by the Victorian Government, the new pavilion

features spacious interiors, flexible change rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, umpires and first aid rooms, external storage, tiered spectator area and a public toilet.

We are using modular construction, which means

the facility is built off site in sections and then craned into position on site, limiting the disruption to the community.

Construction is scheduled from August 2025 to May 2026.

shape.monash.vic.gov.au/brandon-park-pavilion

Exhibition opening

We can't wait to open the 2025 For Arts' Sake (FAS) Awards Exhibition at Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre on Thursday 18 September.

The exhibition, located on the Ground Floor, will showcase this year's top entries and is a celebration of artists who live, work and play in Monash.

We'll then welcome the exhibition to the Civic Gallery at Monash Civic Centre from 10 October, before our FAS Awards Ceremony on 6 November.

 monash.vic.gov.au/FAS-Awards



Have your say on dog friendly equipment





We're rolling out the green carpet for Oakleigh's canine companions, with new dog friendly equipment and landscaping at Jack Edwards Reserve's dog off-leash area.

We want your feedback on the proposed design, which features dog agility zones complete with a climbing mound, digging pit, logs and hoops to encourage physical activity and mental stimulation.

There's also a concrete pathway to safely separate pedestrian traffic from play areas, and new irrigation and fresh turf to improve surface durability.

The project is funded by \$150,000 from the Victorian Government's New and Upgraded Dog Parks Program, with Council contributing \$50,000.

Have your say by 31 August at:
 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/jack-edwards-ola or call us on
 **9518 3555** to request a copy of the draft plan and survey.

Next steps: Your feedback will inform the final design. Construction is expected to take 6 months, with the area closed for works.

Tote bags flying the flag for circularity

Enthusiastic sewers have taken to their sewing machines and helped our staff turn 150 decommissioned festival and event flags into library tote bags.

Our team was determined that the flag material wouldn't go to landfill and hit upon a plan to create a low waste pattern that transformed the flags into 825 tote bag 'take and make' kits

– more than 400 have already been collected and created.

The kits proved to be a perfect transformation, with the flag material not only brightly coloured but durable enough to carry the weight of a hefty load of library books.

 monash.vic.gov.au/take-and-make



Councillor's Column

Cr Nicky Luo (Scotchman's Creek Ward)

I am honoured to have been returned to Council at last October's elections, representing the newly created Scotchman's Creek Ward. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to not only renew old acquaintances, but to get to know residents I haven't met yet and discuss the local issues that are important to Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley and advocate on your behalf.

Recently I had the pleasure to attend the opening of our \$40M Bogong Car Park extension. This outstanding project has created 500 new parking spaces, taking the total capacity to more than 1,000 free spaces, just a short walk from Kingsway. I'm delighted we've delivered this for our community and businesses.

Glen Waverley will change and grow in the coming years and our plans for a new civic precinct will play a huge part in this transformation. Our plans for a new, modern library that meets the needs of our growing community is a much-needed component, while a civic hall and community events space will also be important as we reimagine Glen Waverley. See our latest designs at shape.monash.vic.gov.au/gwcp

Recently, we confirmed our Council budget for 2025/26, including several infrastructure projects of importance to Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley residents. We have started the \$5.9m Coleman Parade road rehabilitation project, while we'll soon be starting the construction of a new \$1.6m car park at Mount Waverley Reserve. More on the budget at monash.vic.gov.au/budget

I'm always happy to hear from you with any concerns about what needs doing in our neighbourhood. Please get in touch.



Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 26 August, 7pm and Tuesday 30 September 7pm

📍 Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

Access meeting agendas and watch in-person or online:

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/meetings

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🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/councillors

What's on ^{In} Monash

Monash Women's Business Network



AI without the hype.

Ethika Group CEO Ramona Roach shares practical ways small businesses can use AI

WHEN: Wednesday 10 September, 9.45am-12.30pm

WHERE: Novotel Melbourne Glen Waverley

COST: \$35 (includes light lunch)

BOOKINGS (by 2 September):
trybooking.com/DDCCH

Lights, Camera, Action

We're inviting young filmmakers to share their latest and greatest short film creations at this year's Monash Youth Film Festival.

Submit your film by Sunday 24 August.

monashyouth.org.au/film-festival

Finalists confirmed

Fifty outstanding finalists have been selected for the 2025 Bowness Photography Prize, now celebrating its 20th year.

Exhibition open 13 September-9 November, with the winner announced on 13 November.

[MAPh Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill](https://maph.org.au/bowness-photography-prize)

maph.org.au/bowness-photography-prize



Ali TAYAHORI *Sisterhood (Broken)*
2025 courtesy of the artist and THIS IS NO FANTASY

Time for a fitness spring clean

As the days get longer and the weather starts to warm up, we're getting ready to launch a fresh new season of outdoor group fitness in September.

Dust off the winter cobwebs with our exciting lineup of classes including yoga in the

park, Zumba, strength training, and more.

To see what's coming up in the month ahead, visit online or subscribe to our Active Outdoors newsletter.

monash.vic.gov.au/active-communities



Contact us

Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 5pm



Monash Civic Centre [293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley, 3150](https://monash.vic.gov.au)
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Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land that makes up Monash, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.